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SUBJ: INTERVIEW WITH SUBSECRETARY FOR FISHERIES: LOS AND IATTC

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1. AS BYPRODUCT OF CONVERSATION ON NEW FISHERIES LAW, SUBSECRETARY FOR FISHERIES NAVY CDR. RIVADENEIRA INDICATED ECUADOR WILL FIELD LARGE DELEGATION AT FORTHCOMING LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. FONOFF SUBSECRETARY RODRIGO VALDEZ WILL PROBABLY HEAD GOE DELEGATION, ALTERNATING CHAIRMANSHIP WITH RIVADENEIRA BECAUSE OF PROJECTED LENGTH OF CONFERENCE. (VALDEZ UNTIL RECENTLY WAS HEAD OF PERMANENT SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION, HAS LONG EXPERIENCE IN FISHERIES AND LOS MATTERS.) RIVADENEIRA OFFERED FEW SPECIFICS RE ECUADOREAN APPROACH TO CONFERENCE BUT MADE IT CLEAR THAT DELEGATION WILL CONDUCT SPIRITED DEFENSE OF TRADITIONAL ECUADOREAN

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POINT OF VIEW. (NOT UNEXPECTEDLY, WE HAVE GOTTEN SIMILAR

SIGNAL FROM FONOFF.)

2. RIVADENEIRA INDIRECTLY INDICATED THAT IMPORTANT STICKING POINT FOR ECUADOR WILL BE CEDING TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF CONTROL OVER MIGRATORY SPECIES. HE SAID GOE AND HE PERSONALLY REGARD SUCH DISTINCTIONS AS HIGHLY ARBITRARY AND HAVE SERVED IN PAST MERELY TO FACILITATE BIG-POWER CONTROL OVER MARINE RESOURCES SUCH AS TUNA THROUGH THEIR DOMINATION OF SPECIALIZED INTERNATIONAL BODIES.

3. IT WAS FOR THIS REASON, RIVADENEIRA SAID, THAT ECUADOR ABANDONED THE IATTC SOME YEARS AGO AND HAS HELD OFF FROM REJOINING. HE CLAIMED ORGANIZATION HAS MERELY SERVED TO CONFIRM US AND JAPANESE CONTROL OVER TUNA INDUSTRY, INCLUDING CATCH IN ECUADOREAN WATERS, THROUGH APPORTIONMENT OF MAXIMUM AGREED CATCH. HE CONCEDED NECESSITY FOR SOME SORT OF INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OVER SPECIES SUCH AS TUNA, WHICH INDEED ARE MIGRATORY, BUT SAID GOE PREFERRED THAT IT TAKE PLACE WITHIN CONTEXT OF SOME UN-BASED ORGANIZATION (HE OFFERED FAO AS EXAMPLE) WHERE SMALL POWERS SUCH AS ECUADOR HAVE BETTER CHANCE OF MAKING THEIR VOICE HEARD.

4. COMMENT: THIS MARKS FIRST TIME WE HAVE EVER HEARD THIS RATIONALE FOR ECUADOR'S WITHDRAWAL FROM IATTC. IN SPITE OF NOTORIOUS PARSIMONY WHICH FREQUENTLY CHARACTERIZES GOE, WE FIND THIS AN EMINENTLY MORE SATISFACTORY (AND REVEALING) EXPLANATION THAN PREVIOUSLY-OFFERED DESIRE TO SAVE SOME TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN ANNUAL DUES. A FEW PILEWGHIR CUVERSATION ON RELATED SUBJECT, FONOFF OFFICIAL MADE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME POINT RE IATTC: THAT ECUADOR WOULD DIG IN ITS HEELS AT LOS ON QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OVER MIGRATORY SPECIES, AND THAT SOME REVISION OF IATTC ALONG LINES OF MAKING COASTAL STATES AGENTS OF ORGANIZATION FOR ENFORCEMENT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE - IF NOT ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL - FOR ECUADOR TO REASSUME ACTIVE ROLE IN TUNA COMMISSION.
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